

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/695,672

Examiner

Nasser Ahmad

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 06/29/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,5,7,8 and 10.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 9/14/05
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas R. Lampe on September 14, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 23, after "from", the phrase - -and beyond - - has been added.

Claim 10, line 22, before "disposed", the phrase - -extending upwardly beyond the rear panel and- - has been inserted.

Claims 1 and 10, lines 35 and 28, respectively, after "clothing" and "therein", the phrase - -wherein said envelope has opposed side edges, said information sheet and said supplemental sheet extending from side edge to side edge of said envelope, said information sheet having a fold line facilitating folding said information sheet prior to insertion thereof into said envelope interior; and said supplemental sheet projects beyond upwardly beyond said front envelope panel portion- - has been added.

Claims 6 and 9 have been cancelled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

A review of applicants' arguments in amendment filed on June 29, 2005 and a review of the instant amended claims has convinced the examiner that the claims are

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allowable over the prior art of record. The prior art fails to teach or suggest an envelope in combination with a double-sided information sheet. The envelope comprises a front panel and a rear panel. The rear panel has adhesive on its back surface and is releasably covered by the double-sided information sheet having a fold line. The front panel includes a front panel portion that projects upwardly and beyond the rear panel, has adhesive on the back surface of said front panel portion and the adhesive is covered by a releasable supplemental sheet. The cover sheets extend from side edge to side edge of the envelope. The supplemental sheet projects upwardly beyond the front panel portion of the envelope. Also, no evidentiary support could be provided to support the position that the claimed invention would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art.

The closest uncovered prior art of Carrigan (3525470) fails to teach that the supplemental sheet projects upwardly beyond the front panel portion of the envelope and that the double-sided information sheet covering the adhesive on the rear panel has a fold line.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

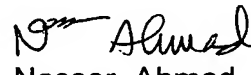
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nasser Ahmad whose telephone number is 571-272-

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1487. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, and on alternate Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571-272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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September 15, 2005.